



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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December 15, 2015

TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF *[Signature]*

CONTRACT AIR – SUPERSCOOPER EXTENSION

This memorandum is to inform your Honorable Board of the Fire District's (District) intent to extend the lease of the two contract CL-415 SuperScoopers for an additional 15 to 30 days. Live fuel conditions remain at critical levels despite the recent sporadic rainfall throughout the County. Thus, the threat of serious wildland fire activity continues to exist until significant rainfall occurs as a result of the expected El Niño weather pattern in January 2016.

Since the District's contract Erickson Air Crane met its 120-day commitment on December 9, 2015, and departed on December 10, 2015, the extension of the two SuperScoopers will ensure that the District has its resources to support our firefighting mission. In addition, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) has its contract Erickson Air Crane in place until December 28, 2015, as an additional local resource.

The District is in the process of preparing a Board letter to request an increase in spending authority to ensure adequate funding for this extension. Sufficient funding for this extension is available in the District's reserves.

The District will continue to evaluate weather patterns, precipitation and the impact on fuel conditions. We will provide an update to your Board of the status of the remaining contract resources by January 15, 2016.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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c: Sachi Hamai
Jim Jones
Sheila Williams
Each Board Deputy

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